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Application Number 09/713,075	Filed November 15, 2000

For System and Method for Finding the Most Likely Answer to a Natural Language Question

Group Art Unit 2654	Examiner Lamont M. Spooner

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